

SPLICING SYSTEM AFFORDING A CONTINUOUS WEB MATERIAL SUPPLY
FOR AN APPLICATOR

ABSTRACT

An apparatus and method for providing continuous supply of transfer tape to
5 an applicator machine. The method includes unwinding the tape from the rolls to
erase the roll memory in the tape, advancing the tape along a web path through knife
elements to staging areas and past pinch rollers to the applicator. A second tape is
placed on the staging plate for splicing to the first tape at the pinch roller. The first
tape is cut and the second tape is advanced to the applicator.